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PICK #11 National Anthem: Over 115 Seconds or Under 115 Seconds

PICK #12 First team to receive a Penalty: Rams or Bengals

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PICK #13 Halftime Total Score: 28 or over or Under 28

PICK #14 Team to call First Time Out: Rams or Bengals

PICK #15 Total Field Goals made: 4 & over or Under 4

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:
On behalf of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce we would like to thank so many for making our 42nd Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games another success for our members & the community.

Thank you to our sponsors for making so much of this possible. To our Presenting Sponsor GrapeTree Medical Staffing, thank you for 4 years of success and dedication to this outstanding event. We truly appreciate your year round dedication to our community and support of the Iowa Great Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. To our Gold level sponsors, West O Beer, creator of the official Winter Games Beer Cozy, Pure Fishing, Rosenboom, Kozy Heat, Fireball, and Dr. McGillicuddy's, we are grateful for your partnership and support to our community. To our Silver sponsors, Alliant Energy, and Hy-Vee of Spirit Lake, thank you for your contribution and continued dedication to Winter Games. Thank you to our individual event sponsors Ruthven Meat Locker for the Chili Cook-off, Ingvall Real Estate Team for the Chocolate Classic and Galleria, Okoboji Motor Company for the Polar Plunge, Bank Midwest for the Burning of the Greens, The Gardens for the Bean Bag Toss Tournament, The Ritz for Snowball Softball, Exit Realty for the 5K Fun Run, The Dry Dock for the Stump Tournament, MHR Insurance for the Broomball Tournament, and Parks Marina for Flag Football. We would also like to thank Black Hills Energy for sponsoring the Winter Games Schedules all weekend long.

We appreciate the leadership of this year's Chair Dr. Mara Groom and co-chair Michael Meyers, and our 8 wonderful Winter Games Cheerleaders. Thank you to our hundreds of volunteers, event chairs, Arnolds Park Amusement Park's hard-working staff, KUOO, KICD, the Dickinson County News, the Lakes News Shopper, MC22, and all other news outlets for their non-stop coverage. Thank you to County and City governments for working with us, the courageous Law enforcement of the Lakes Region, the Iowa DNR, Arnolds Park/Okoboji Fire & Rescue for keeping us safe, and all of the Chamber businesses that hosted events that lead to a memorable weekend for all of our visitors. It takes a very special community to unite and support an event that brings not only joy to our locals and visitors alike but also provides a welcomed economic boost during the off season for our Chamber Members. Thank you to each and every one of you for making University of Okoboji Winter Games 2022 one to remember. For a full list of results and an album of images from this year's festivities, visit uofwintergames.com or the University of Okoboji Winter Games Facebook page.

Blain Andera — CEO/President
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TIE BREAKER: Total Super Ball 2022 Score between the Rams vs. Bengals: _____

Name: _____ Town: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

One entry per person. The winner will be whoever chooses the most correct picks. For rules go to: LakesNewsShopper.com

50th Anniversary Announcement

Dean and Sue Schoning will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, February 12, 2022. Family would like to honor them with a card shower. You can send your warm wishes to: 1106 16th Street Milford, Iowa 51351.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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SHAKE THE LAKES
Friday, February 18, 2022
Saturday, February 19, 2022
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To The Editor:
Shake the Lakes - the premiere Jazz and Show Choir competition for the area is back for 2022. February 18th and 19th more than 30 groups will be performing at the Sami Bedell Center of Performing Arts showcasing school groups from 3 states. Friday evening will kick off with the middle school groups, and Saturday will feature Jazz Choir in the morning and Show Choir in the afternoon and evening.

Our hometown Middle School Spirit Rising will perform Friday at about 7:40pm and Saturday Spirit Lake High School Jazz Choir Lake Effect at 2:40pm in the Black Box and Show Choir Music Factory will perform at 5:20pm in the Sami Center. Please check our Facebook Page Shake the Lakes, for up to date information on performance times as they are subject to change. We are excited to bring over a thousand performers and spectators visiting our community for the weekend. Come out and support our local Spirit Lake groups. These two days will get you tapping your feet, and ready to sing along to the fantastic line up of high quality music, singing, and dancing. You won't be able to help but leave with joy in your soul and a smile on your face. This event is a fundraiser for the Spirit Lake Music Boosters.

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8:00AM	SHOW OPENS Enjoy coffee and donuts sponsored by Community State Bank
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Pioneers Win ELC Tournament

The OYBA 8th grade boys team won first place in the Estherville Hoopin' In The 'Ville Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 29, 2022. The Pioneers defeated GT-R-A, Estherville and Sibley-Ocheyedan to win the championship.

Front row: Walt Blankers, Everett Jorgensen, Avery Simington, Will Anderson, Carson Storey. Back row: Julian Potter, Calan Peters, Eli Graves, Mitch Mulhern, Drew Early.

AgState Follows Through on Promises After Merger

Alceco/Ag Partners and First Cooperative Association merged in September 2021 to become AgState, a combined name announced in January. One of the benefits of the merger was the ability to revolve cash to the members more quickly. Total cash paid to members over the past 60 days included:



FCA/Alceco cash patronage \$2.2 Million
Total revolve from combined company \$5.6 Million
Total of \$7.8 Million

This payout follows through on the promises made to the membership this past summer. "We promised the members we would continue to revolve cash back to members at a faster rate due to the financial strength of the combined company. The \$5.6M would be a highwater mark," said Chuck Specketer, AgState Board Chairman. These payouts were made in November and December of 2021 and reflect a key advantage of working with a local cooperative. This does not factor in the benefit of the DPAD deduction also issued to members for FY21. Specketer also shared - "This is just the start, as we continue to grow and work together as a combined company. Our purpose is simple - Helping Producers Prosper. We are here to help our farmers succeed."

For questions about this release contact Brent Low - 712.843.5279.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Iowans are united across party lines against the use of eminent domain to construct carbon capture pipelines across Iowa. Pipelines should be a thing of the past. Energy should stay or be generated in, not out, of Iowa. Additional concerns include risk of pipeline rupture; damage to soil, tile, and other landowner and public infrastructure; and probable use of CO₂ for extracting oil in North Dakota. Visit the Iowa Utilities Board website to submit your public comment, and ask your elected officials to instead invest in renewable technologies that will generate jobs and revenue to help Iowa grow.
Jane Shuttleworth
Okoboji, Iowa



UNI Announces Dean's List

The following area students were named to the Fall 2021 semester Dean's List at the University of Northern Iowa. To be included on the list, a student must have earned a grade point of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, while taking at least 12 hours of graded work during the semester.
Arnolds Park, IA Leah Schon *Lake Park* - Bret Sohn and Kaitlyn Vyskocil.
Milford - Kaia Johnson, Elle Olthoff and Kianna Svoboda.
Okoboji - Benjamin Frostedstad and Ryan Schmidt.
Spirit Lake - Payton Ahrenstorff, Jonah Eldridge, Josie Fagen, Emma Hamm, Brooke Harrington, Madison Kueper, Allie Lang, Emily Lehner, Spencer Newman, Kyler Olsen, Katie Tryon and Madeline Vierkant.



Pioneers Win Sheldon Tourney

The OYBA 6th grade boys won the Sheldon Tournament on Saturday, February 5, 2022. The Pioneers went 4-0, defeating Central Lyon, MOC-FV, Sheldon, and Boyden-Hull to claim the championship.
Front row: Blake Knudtson, Cooper Boone, Kaeden Schillinger, Rhyker Wright and Jake Neuharth. Back row: Adam Berglund, Coach Scott Berglund, Grayson Groneweg, Lincoln Wolf, Dexter Peters, Coach Shane Neuharth and Colton Johnson.



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The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Dickinson County Soil and Water Conservation District will be held Friday, February 11, 2022, beginning at 9:00am, at the ISU Extension Meeting Room at the Dickinson County Fairgrounds.

The tentative agendas will include: approving the minutes of the last meeting, Treasurer's Report and bills, reviewing the mail, approving cost share applications, amendments and vouchers, receiving NRCS and District reports, old and new business and planning for the next meeting.

If you need accommodation, please notify the Dickinson SWCD office by February 10 by calling 712-336-3782, Ext. 3.



95th Birthday Announcement

On Thursday, February 10, 2022, Delaine (Dee) Olson will be 95 years young. Her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Birthday wishes can be sent to her at Accura Healthcare, 1912 Zenith Ave Room 131, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

10:00 AM SUNDAYS
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Sunday @ 11:00am	Milford Cable Channel 12, Mondays at 10AM and 7PM Our Website & YouTube Page	High School Youth Group, Confirmation, Music Practices, and Wednesday Whimsies (1st-6th Grade Programming)

Girl Scout Cookies For Sale

The Girl Scout Cookie program is once again offering direct sales for 2022. We're excited about this as it means the girls will have packages of cookies ON HAND to sell door to door. No more taking orders, waiting weeks, and then returning for the delivery and collecting money. The Cookies Now! program condenses all that work into one simple step. Eight delicious cookies, at \$5 per package, will be available throughout the sale: Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Lemonades, Toast Yays, and the newest addition to the lineup - Adventurefuls! Adventurefuls are in indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel flavored crème and a hint of sea salt. Also, available and priced at \$5 per package are Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies. This gluten free cookie is made up of rich caramel, semi-sweet chocolate chip, and a hint of sea salt. Gluten Free Carmel Chocolate Chip cookies are available in limited quantities, so get some while they last!

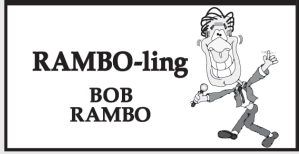
This weekend area Girl Scouts will be selling their world-famous cookies at Bomgaars in Spirit Lake. Girls will be there on Saturday, February 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and, then again on Sunday, February 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you cannot make it this weekend, don't worry as orders for Girl Scout cookies will be taken through March 13, 2022. If you are not contacted and would like to order any of these products, please call our Service Unit Cookie Manager, Linda Nase at 712-330-3251. Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts.

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

It's time to vote -- in Ohio

With all the talk about the upcoming *Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Association* Hall of Fame nominations and the Labor Day weekend inductions ceremonies, we wondered just how this all compares to that "other" Rock 'n' Roll museum -- the one in Cleveland, where they are currently undergoing a similar exercise with voting underway for their 2022 nominees that were announced about a month ago.

Eligibility requirements in Cleveland call for an artist or band to have released its first commercial recording at least 25 years prior to the year of nomination -- which is very similar to the phrasing in Arnold Park. In Cleveland, though, several of the artists who didn't make the final cut in 2021 are back campaigning for a place this year. Current Cleveland nominees include *Dolly Parton*, *Warwick*, *Rage Against the Machine*, *New York Dolls*, *Kuti*, and *Devo*... (Why wasn't *Dolly Parton* nominated decades ago?)



While the election is by popular vote in Ohio, the final decisions here are made by the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Music Association Board of Directors. So far we have made only two nominations -- and we're batting .500, with a fun regional band honored several years back, and a national star who outsold *The Beatles* back in the day, turned down.

Iowa nominations are accepted at any time, but must be in by midnight on September 15th each year to be considered for the following year. Nominations must include biographic and contact information to be considered. So now's the time to set the stage for your favorite group in 2023. Find more information at: IowaRockNRoll.Com

With so much detail in last week's Okoboji Summer Theatre announcements, we didn't have space to note much about the *Boji Bantam* schedule of shows for youngsters. There will be just two different shows this year -- probably in the outdoor theatre at the Pearson Lakes Art Center, if that can be arranged as it was last year.

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs opens the BB season on July 6th, for four performances. With book and lyrics by Robert Kauzlaric, and music by Paul Gilvary and Will Rush, the show is based on the book by John Scieszka and Lane Smith -- with two sides to every story...

Molly Shannon's *Tilly the Trickster* will close the season after performances on July 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd. It is based on a book by Molly Shannon, and includes a lot of fun music to keep interest high. The Art Center's outdoor stage worked very well for the Bantam shows last year...

Ticket information for *OST* or *BB* shows is available at BoxOffice@OkobojiSummerTheatre.Org

The Okoboji Box Office is expected to open on June 4th... Information and discount ticket voucher books for the main stage performances are still available by email to: OSTAvoucherBooklet@gmail.com

The Little Swan Lake Winery will be celebrating Valentine's day a day early this year, with the music of *Mark Lair* served over *Buffalo Steak Diane*, starting at 4:00 Sunday afternoon, in the barn. Reservations are requested, 712-858-4592...

Research director RD tells us this week that Barbara Lewis will turn 79 on Wednesday. The Michigan-born singer/songwriter is most famous for her self-penned top five hit *Hello Stranger*, on the Atlantic label. It remained on the charts for 14 weeks in the summer of 1963. More recently it has been covered by *Fire and Rain* (1972), *Yvonne Elliman* (1977), and *Queen Latifah* (2004).

Thursday will mark the anniversary of the day in 1942 that Glenn Miller was awarded the first Gold Record for selling a million copies of *Chattanooga Choo Choo*. The song was written by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren. With nearly two hundred recorded versions to choose from, one of the most highly acclaimed is featured on Ray Charles' 1960 album, *Genius Hits The Road* for ABC Records...

And it was on February 11, 1964 that Art Carney won the award for Best Supporting Actor in a series, at the sixth annual Emmy Awards. The award was based on his role as Ed Norton, on *The Jackie Gleason Show*.

The show's theme song, *Melancholy Serenade*, was written by Gleason, and recorded by his orchestra. Other renditions include those by Les Elgart (1955), Si Zener (1960) and King Curtis, (1964).

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jackass forever (R)
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FRI. Feb. 11 - 7:15
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This event begins at 3:00 and ends at 5:00pm. Clay County Heritage Members can purchase tickets for \$10 per person and Nonmember tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets are necessary as space is limited.

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BLACKLIGHT (PG)
Liam Neeson Aidan Quinn
FRI: 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
SAT: 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
SUN: 2:00, 4:50, 7:30
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DEATH ON THE NILE (PG)
Gal Gadot Kenneth Branagh
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MOONFALL (PG)
Patrick Wilson Halle Berry
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- Dickens - Jenna Lynn Cornwell*
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Corridor Welcomes New Board Members

The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation (Corridor) recently welcomed three new board members for 2022: Scott Berglund, Plant Manager at Safco Products; Walter DeBock, Plant Manager at Tyson Turkey; and Nathan Wittmaack, President & COO at Ranco Fertiliservice, Inc.

These board members were appointed to fulfill the terms of previous board members Michael McKim, Jared Brashears and Jeaneth Ibarra. They will add their leadership experience and guidance to the Board of Directors as the Corridor continues to help the region's businesses thrive and to ensure its residents enjoy an active and rewarding quality of life.

"The Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation will benefit greatly from the expertise the new board members bring to the table," said Corridor President & CEO Shannon Landauer. "As the economy is still in transition out of the pandemic, the challenges are still very real. As the Corridor works to continue focus on the more traditional economic programming in place, we are also transitioning to the post-pandemic plan of work that looks to future topics in the areas of Manufacturing 4.0, talent pipelines and community amenities to attract businesses and individuals to our communities. We look forward incorporating their perspectives into the work of the Corridor team!"

The Corridor Board of Directors consists of four Corridor member representatives from each of the four counties in the region, Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, and Emmet. Board members serve three-year terms and are eligible for up to two consecutive terms.

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Women's Bible Study

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O'Neal Named to Honors List

Grace O'Neal, from Spirit Lake, was one of 251 students named to Concordia University, Nebraska's honors list for the Fall 2021 semester.

Students who earn a 3.90 GPA or higher while completing at least 12 undergraduate credit hours qualify for the honors list.

Doege to Preside at ILUUF

Reverend Lisa M Doege will be presiding over the February 13 service of the Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Her sermon "Not for the Faint of Heart" will explore love in the real world. Zoom fellowship begins at 10:30am. with the service beginning at 11:00am. Visitors are always welcome and can request a Zoom invitation with the Contact Us link on the Fellowship Website www.uuokoboji.com.

Rev. Doege grew up attending Unity Church Unitarian in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the congregation that ordained her in 1994. She holds degrees from Hamlin University and Harvard Divinity school and has served UU congregations in Texas, Indiana, and Minnesota.

The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ILUUF) is a member of the Unitarian/Universalist Association. ILUUF is a welcoming community seeking to provide opportunities for people of all ages to grow in their spiritual and ethical lives, finding the means to engage the world in creative and transformative ways. Learn more at uuokoboji.com.

UNI Announces Graduates

New alumni were added to the roster of graduates of the University of Northern Iowa. The following area students were among the graduates: Elle Olthoff (graduated with honors) and Ethan Tanner of Milford and Josie Fagen of Spirit Lake.

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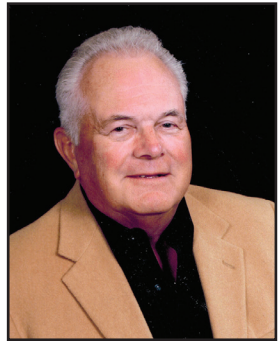
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Obituaries

A funeral service for **Bob Ahrenstorff**, 80, of Lake Park, was held Monday, February 7, 2022, at United Methodist Church in Lake Park. Burial was at Silver Lake Cemetery.



Fredric Robert Ahrenstorff, the son of Alta May (Freeman) and Freddie Ahrenstorff, was born September 30, 1941, in Worthington, Minnesota. After high school, he completed two years of college at South Dakota State University. During college, Bob served two years in the ROTC, was involved in the Statesmen Men's Choir and showed cattle in the Little I. SDSU is also where he found the love of his life.

On October 15, 1961, Bob married Cheryl Pirllet at the First Lutheran Church in Volga, SD. Bob farmed corn, soybeans and raised cattle on the four generation family farm in Northwest Iowa throughout his life. Bob was a problem solver and would design and build several pieces of equipment on the farm including a grooming chute and a hoof trimming chute which was used for 4-H calves. He was a member of the Dickinson County Cattlemen and assisted with the cattle in 4-H. Hard work was an important part of life on the farm and a characteristic evident still in his children. Animals were always on the farm and he researched often to find the best ways to care for them.

Bob had a great love for music. He played tenor saxophone, guitar, harmonica, and was a singer. He put himself through school as the front man for the band "The Continentals" during college. Later in life, he used his skills and deep voice in a quartet called "The Countrymen". Bob also enjoyed going to country concerts at the Spencer Fair and made several trips to Branson, MO with Sherry to be entertained by the country artists there. Elvis Presley played a significant role in his taste for music as well, especially the Gospel songs. Bob was a member of the United Methodist Church and was involved in the Homebuilders Church Group.

He enjoyed bow hunting, horseback riding, waterskiing, racing snowmobiles with Sherry and finding the most exclusive walleye spot every year in Canada on Lake of the Woods. He would travel several miles by boat to find the perfect spot as his family took turns as co-pilot reading the map while bouncing over waves and dodging rocks that might damage the boat. The annual fishing trips created wonderful memories for his children and grandchildren to tell for years to come. Adventure was his middle name when it came to learning new things. He learned to fly at age 65 when he sold his Sunburst Fender Stratocaster guitar to a famous rock band and used that money to purchase his Cessna 172. In his later years he read every book available on machining, determined to make parts for the farm should any equipment break down.

Bob had a gift of making new friends wherever he went. His genuine interest in other's lives was evident in his ability to talk to anyone. Even in his late life time at Keelson Harbor, many would say he was a joy to converse with.

Bob passed away January 31, 2022, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa at eighty years of age. He is now with our Lord and his sweetheart who he missed the last two years dearly.

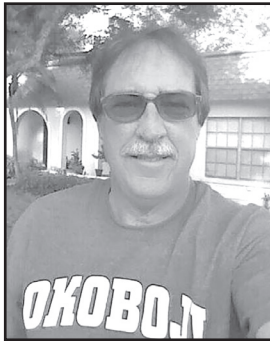
He is survived by his son, Troy Ahrenstorff (Kim Medina) and his children, Brittney Ahrenstorff Kelley (Trent) and Ty Ahrenstorff (Kayla); son, Todd Ahrenstorff (Stacey) and their children, Dawson, Payton and Carlie Jo Ahrenstorff; daughter, Tricia Ahrenstorff Howard (Corey) and their son, Dylan Howard; one great-grandchild, Magnolia Ahrenstorff; and several cousins and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry; parents, Freddie and Alta Ahrenstorff.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Wayne Stowell (formerly of Spirit Lake, Iowa) passed away on January 8, 2022, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was 69 years old.



Wayne graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1970 where he participated in many clubs and organizations. Wayne was a talented athlete. He attended Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota on a football scholarship and was inducted into their athletic hall of fame. In 1974, he graduated with a biology/chemistry major.

After college, Wayne moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he had a successful career in sales. Though his work kept him busy, Wayne found time to be a volunteer coach in both youth and high school football. It was a passion of his to always give back to the kids. Even in retirement, Wayne continued to reach out to young football players. He once gave a motivational speech to the Rutgers University football team before their game against Iowa. Always an Iowa Football fan, he did this for his son who is a member of the Rutgers Athletics in Action staff.

Wayne was an avid water skier and golfer. He often returned to Spirit Lake with his boat and clubs. Despite all the water and golf courses in Florida at his disposal, Okoboji had his heart.

Wayne was a devoted father who loved his children and adored his grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Stowell, his son Tyler (Allison) Stowell and two granddaughters, Peighton and Brylee. He is also survived by his sister Sandy (Steve) Traeger, brothers Mike Stowell and Randy (Jeanne) Stowell, his aunt Loretta Shannon, uncle Gene Overmire, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Norma Stowell, who were longtime residents of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life will be held this summer June 19, 2022, from 1:00 to 4:30pm, at the Gull Point Lodge, Gull Point State Park 1500 Harpin Street, Milford, Iowa 51351.

Friends of Wayne can send condolences to the family at: 213 Lawrence Street, South Bound Brook, New Jersey 08880.

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Obituaries

Anna Marie Groth, the daughter of Dave and Darlene (McCabe) Feller was born December 13, 1955, in Oakland, California. Her childhood years were spent in Hawaii and the Poway, California, area where she attended school and graduated from Poway High School in 1974.



Anna worked as a CNA in Poway before moving to the Lakes area in 1991 where she continued to work as a CNA at Hilltop in Spirit Lake, Iowa, and St. Lukes in Spencer, Iowa. She married Rick Groth on February 14, 1995, in Fostoria, Iowa. Anna enjoyed plastic canvas, scrapbooking, baking, listening to country music, babysitting and especially spending time with family.

Anna passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022, at Ruthven Care Center in Ruthven, Iowa, at the age of 66. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, David Feller.

Left to cherish his memory are her husband, Rick of Fostoria, IA; 3 children: Andy (Karen) Feller of Appleton, WI; Chris Dillon of Tucson, AZ and Melissa (Cody Norgart) Groth of Spencer, IA; 5 grandchildren: Ian, Ysabel, Natalie, Cooper and Alivia; 3 step-grandchildren: Michel, Mineela and Georgia; one nephew, Ryan Feller of Tucson, AZ; other relatives and many friends.

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Iowa Lakes Trustees to Begin Search for Next College President

The Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees met at a special meeting to begin the search process for the next college president.

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The search will begin by conducting an online survey about the personal and professional characteristics desired in the new president and areas of focus for the College.

The new presidential search process is on the heels of College President Valerie Newhouse's decision to retire later this year, effective June 30, 2022. Newhouse has served as president since 2009.



The Raebel Murder - A Dickinson County "In Cold Blood" Tale

The Dickinson County Historical Society and Museum is pleased to welcome Jim Ladegaard for the next event in the History LIVES! Speaker Series. Ladegaard will be speaking and sharing photos about the Raebel Murder Thursday, February 10, at 7:00pm, at the Museum. The event will be live-streamed on Facebook and available later on YouTube.

In December of 1944, Okoboji resort owner Robert (Rob) Raebel was murdered and his wife, Esther, savagely beaten in a robbery at their home/office on Lake West Okoboji. A former employee, William Henry Heincy and Heincy's father Phillip (pictured) were arrested, convicted, and hung simultaneously in the only executions ever for a crime committed in Dickinson County.

Retired Spirit Lake Attorney Jim Ladegaard was a childhood neighbor of Esther, who moved to Spirit Lake after Rob's murder. Ladegaard also later practiced law with K.B. Welty, who was appointed by the court to represent the Heincys. These and other conversations led to an interest in preserving this history. Ladegaard's retirement, together with technology facilitating online research resulted in the creation of this presentation.

One person observed that this story is Dickinson County's own "In Cold Blood" although Ladegaard is quick to make clear that he does not claim any similarity to Truman Capote.

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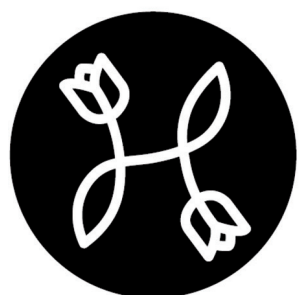
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Augustana University Dean's List

Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, announced the following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale).

Congratulations to Molly Boyum and Hailey Handevitd of Jackson, Courtney Cohrs of Spirit Lake and Mikia Kriener of Okoboji.

Mammoths Sweep Waterloo

The Boji Mammoth High School Hockey team hosted the Waterloo Warhawks for a 3-game Iowa High School Hockey Alliance series over the weekend at Lakes Ice Arena.

Waterloo Warhawks Game 1 - The Boji Mammoths (19-6-4) took the ice for game 1 knowing a victory would secure the number one seed and they came out determined to get it done. Boji would get the game's first goal at 7:17 in the first period with a goal by Blake Danielson assisted by Pierce Hetland and Cale Quiring. Sophomore Josh Wavra would tally Boji's 2nd with 13 seconds remaining in the period with an assist from Wes Radcliffe. The Mammoths would add three goals in the second period at 7:51 Wavra assisted from Radcliffe, 2:58 Hetland from Danielson & Quiring, 2:46 Freshman McClain Robinson from Wavra for a 5-0 lead after two. The Mammoths would continue to control play most of the third period adding 3 more 10:22 Quiring from Danielson, 5:55 powerplay goal by Danielson from Hetland & Quiring, 5:34 Wavra from Robinson and Regan Crichton for an 8-0 final. Brody Madagan made 9 saves for the shutout win. Coach Hetland's take, "The guys played really well setting the tone early with a lot of puck possession time. Not playing in 2 weeks it was good to see the elevated compete level and all-around good team play".

Waterloo Warhawks Game 2 - The Mammoths (20-6-4) were determined to carry the momentum from the matinee game into the night tilt in front of a great crowd at Lakes Ice Arena. In a defensively played first period the only goal would come at the 9:36 mark by Wes Radcliffe on a rush firing a wrist shot over the glove of the Warhawks goaltender. The 2nd period was much like the first with the Mammoths getting a lot of puck possession time, but solid Waterloo goaltending and good defensive zone play eliminated rebound opportunities allowing a single goal at 6:56 by Blake Danielson unassisted for a 2-0 lead going into the 3rd. The Mammoth's perseverance would pay off capitalizing 4 times in the period at 8:22 Pierce Hetland from Cale Quiring, 6:53 powerplay goal Josh Wavra from McClain Robinson, 4:03 Danielson from Dillon Ferguson and Quiring, :35 Danielson again from Hetland for a 6-0 final. Brody Madagan made 12 saves for the win. "Stick tap to Jason Dobes and the coaching staff of Waterloo for making some defensive zone adjustments that took us some time to counter. Another solid game for their goaltender as well that kept it close most of the game. Our guys stuck to our systems and were able to capitalize on some quality opportunities".

Waterloo Warhawks Game 3 - The Mammoths (21-6-4) finished league play with their third game in 36 hours at Lakes Ice Arena in front of their fans that continue to come out and pack "The Cave". The teams played an even back and forth first period. Although the Mammoths dominated puck possession time, there would be no score after one. The Mammoths would tally early in the 2nd at 13:58 from Pierce Hetland assisted by Blake Danielson and Cale Quiring. Boji would add two powerplay goals at 3:10 Hetland from a nice feed by Quiring and again at 1:21 Regan Crichton on a great pass from Nathan Murray. The Warhawks would get on the board with 2:45 remaining in the 3rd period to make it 3-1 and that would be how the game would finish. Brody Madagan made 14 saves for the win. "Not easy to play a team back to back let alone 3 times in two days. Lot of respect for the Warhawks for competing hard and giving us a solid game this morning. Always a learning opportunity and today seeing the effort level by Waterloo was great for us to point out to our guys".

The Mammoths (22-6-4) are 15-0 in Iowa High School Hockey Alliance league play and have secured the number 1 seed for the State Tournament to be held in Des Moines February 25-27.

Next up for the Mammoths is a pair of non-league road games in Omaha Feb 12 followed by a pair against Omaha Feb 19 at home 1:00 and 5:00 pm where we will celebrate our lone senior, Max Ditsworth.



FFA Celebrating National FFA Week

On Sunday, February 20, the Okoboji FFA will be hosting their annual community grilling to celebrate National FFA Week. The grilling will take place at the Okoboji High school from 11:00-1:00. It will cost \$6 for a burger, chips, a cookie, and a drink. See you there!

Beef Quality Assurance Certification Training February 23

Beef packers are reminding feedlot producers they need a current Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certificate to sell cattle. But there are other reasons for certifying – to assure consumer confidence, to improve animal performance, and to expand international demand for U.S. beef.

To help producers accomplish these goals, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Iowa Beef Center and the Iowa Beef Industry Council is offering a BQA training on February 23, from 1:00 to 3:00pm, at the ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County office in Orange City.

There is no cost to attend, but preregistration is required by February 21. To preregister, call the ISU Extension and Outreach Sioux County office at 712-737-4230.

If an in-person training cannot be attended, BQA certification may also be completed on-line at <https://bqa.beeflearningcenter.org/>.

For information on this Northwest Iowa BQA training or other beef programs, contact Beth Doran, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, at 712-737-4230 or doranb@iastate.edu.



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Volunteer Of The Year Starts as Palo Alto County RSVP Coordinator

The Northwest Iowa RSVP program has hired Kathy Pudenz as the new Palo Alto County Coordinator starting January 25, 2022, on the Emmetsburg Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College.

"I enthusiastically look forward to my role as Palo Alto County RSVP Coordinator and am honored to have the opportunity to serve our communities and RSVP volunteers, both current and future participants," states Pudenz. "I feel privileged to offer support for the volunteers and their service to our communities in any way that I can."

As a former (Iowa) Governor's Volunteer of the Year award recipient, Pudenz brings a personal record of volunteer service and commitment to her position as RSVP Coordinator. In addition, she has experience as a non-profit board and advisory council member, Hospice volunteer, and extensive support and advocacy of individuals with disabilities and their parents.

"Kathy brings a passion for service and compassion for others to the RSVP team," remarks Dawn Bernhard, Northwest Iowa RSVP Director. "Her people, communication, and organizational skills will blend well for her role as an RSVP Coordinator."

One of Pudenz's first goals in Palo Alto County is to execute Pen Pal programs. The Pen Pal program is one of RSVP's longest-running community contributions. Volunteers are matched with 3rd or 4th graders to exchange "pen pal" letters for a predetermined schedule. Adults and students know each other only by name and whatever they learn throughout the Pen Pal writing project.

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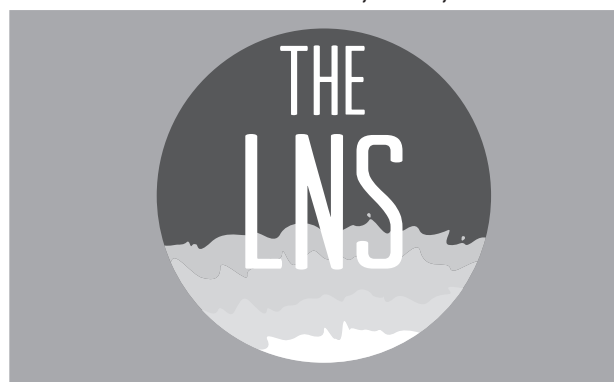
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Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Championship

The Emmetsburg Knights of Columbus Council #936 hosted the District K of C Free Throw Championship Sunday, January 30, 2022, in the Corrigan Hall at the Emmetsburg Catholic School. Sixteen youth (eight girls and eight boys) returned as champions from earlier competitions held by area Knights of Columbus Councils from Emmetsburg (#936), Spirit Lake (#5043), and Milford (7284) for the free throw contest beginning at 1:00 pm. Scoring was recorded with the assistance of eight volunteer Knights of the Emmetsburg Council.

Congratulations to the following winners of the Knights of Columbus District #3 Free Throw Championship:
Girls – Age 9 Lively Nitchals – Milford / Age 10 Claire Kruger – Spirit Lake / Age 11 Anastasia Joyce – Emmetsburg / Age 13 Melody Collett – Milford / Age 14 Nora Nelson – Emmetsburg
Boys – Age 9 Reid Wolf – Milford / Age 10 Vince Nelson – Emmetsburg / Age 11 Bric Joynt – Emmetsburg / Age 12 Lincoln Wolf – Milford / Age 13 Jason

Clay County Fair & Events Center Announces 2022 Winter Schedule to Help Cure Cabin Fever

The Clay County Fair & Events Center announces the 2022 Winter Event Series, which will be held in the Clay County Regional Events Center. “We know winter can get long here in northwest Iowa so our goal this year is to give everyone something to look forward to,” said Fair & Events Center CEO Jeremy Parsons. “Plus, it’s exciting to bring back events that we have not held for the past couple of years due to COVID-19 restrictions.”

The four events, which will feature activities for all ages, are as follows:
 Family Fest – Saturday, March 5, 9:00am-2:00pm
 Celebrating its 11th anniversary, this fun-filled festival allows families to enjoy time together through educational hands-on activities, Safety City, YMCA Kids Zone, 4-H Find-Out Day, local non-profit displays, food, performances by musician Phil Baker, and the Activity Stage. Family Fest is free for all to attend.
 William Lawson featuring the Roe Family Singers – Friday, March 18, 7:00pm
 Considered a child prodigy, William is a talented mandolin, guitar, banjo, and dobro player from Webb who by the age of 14 has already played on stage alongside such greats as Bobby Osborne and Ricky Skaggs. Joining him will be the Roe Family Singers, who blend old-time sounds from barn dances, fiddle pulls, and county fairs with the rock & roll passion of the youth. Featuring banjo, autoharp, guitar, and Appalachian clogging, the band and family of fans regularly fill Minneapolis’ 331 Club every Monday night. Tickets for this enjoyable evening of bluegrass, country, and Americana music – which is a collaboration between the Fair & Events Center and Arts on Grand – are \$20.
 Artrageous – Thursday, March 24, 7:00pm
 CBS TV raves, “Go See This Show!” “You have to see it to believe it!” says The Washington Post. This one-of-a-kind “all Arts” show, often described as Blue Man Group meets Picasso, is amazing crowds across the globe! Step into this outrageous adventure of arts: the only show where you can witness the fusion of live art, rock concert, imaginative movement, vocal performance, comedy, blacklight Burruaku, and Artpunk wear. Be prepared to join in on the high energy, heart pounding action as arts and music collide on one stage. For more information about the show, visit <https://www.artrageoushow.com>. Tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime event are \$35, \$30, and \$25.

Northwest Beer Fest featuring The Pork Tornadoes – Saturday, April 2, 3:00pm
 Formerly known as “Rock’n Bac’n Brew’n,” this favorite event is back for its seventh year! Enjoy craft beer, local spirits, great food, plus a rock’n good time ending with one of the region’s most well-known bands, The Pork Tornadoes. Sampling from local breweries and distilleries will be from 3:00pm-6:00pm. In addition to samples, the Iowa Beer Bus will be back serving pints from your favorite brewery, and food trucks will be on site. The Pork Tornadoes will take the stage beginning at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$19 in advance and \$25 day of show.
 Tickets are on sale now online at www.midwestix.com, by phone at 515-244-2771, or in person at the Events Center Box Office. All service fees are included in the advertised ticket price.
 Rooted in Tradition, the Clay County Fair and Events Center is a year-round facility that annually hosts more than 300 events, including its signature event, the Clay County Fair powered by SMU. Known as “The World’s Greatest County Fair” since 1917, the Clay County Fair attracts more than 325,000 guests each September for nine-days of world-class entertainment, competition, food, fun, and the largest farm machinery show at any fair in the United States. Additional information can be found at claycountyfair.com.

Milford Library News

Youth Corner

Stop by Milford Memorial Library during February to check out some new (and of course old) books, see the new youth book displays, and maybe even taking a youth STEAM kit home.

Each week we add a handful of new books, and you can see what is available through the Card Catalog or by going to the Youth Page on MML’s website (<http://www.milford.lib.ia.us>). February book displays are located on the top of the youth shelves, and they include the topics of cats, computers, birds, Valentine’s Day, and teeth. Lastly, MML has added some new STEAM kits on a variety of areas. They are located on the bottom shelf of the youth T-Z book shelf, and we anticipate adding more to the collection.



Virtual “Your Money, Your Goals” Offered February 23

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a virtual “Your Money, Your Goals” program to help frontline workers assist clients who are facing financial challenges. The four-hour program will be held virtually on February 23 from 9:30 to 11:30am and 1:00 to 3:00pm.

When money worries and challenges become overwhelming, many people become unable to see beyond their immediate crisis, and soon other parts of their life begin to fall through the cracks. During this virtual training, frontline workers - service providers, clergy members, volunteers or anyone interested in helping others - will gain resources and tools to help their clients take steps toward financial stability and self-sufficiency.

“This opportunity helps build the capacity to integrate financial empowerment into helping relationships as well as help to improve the overall health and wellbeing of Iowa individuals and families,” says Carol Ehlers, a human sciences specialist in family wellbeing with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

According to Ehlers, research shows that economic barriers prevent many people, particularly in low-income households, from managing daily tasks and challenges, and can negatively affect their ability to plan for the future. They can become so overwhelmed by their money worries and challenges that they don’t have the capacity to perform basic functions.

The “Your Money, Your Goals” sessions feature a toolkit developed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Participants learn about tools and resources to help others understand their financial values, how to use credit wisely, manage debt effectively and access appropriate community resources.

“We begin the discussion with goal setting and savings and continue through understanding credit reports,” Ehlers said. “The ultimate goal is to increase financial well-being and financial security.”

To register for this virtual program or for more information on “Your Money, Your Goals” visit www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/your-money-goals. The registration fee is \$35 and the registration deadline is February 21.

If you would like to bring the “Your Money, Your Goals” to your community in person, contact Ehlers at 712-732-5056 or email xehlers@iastate.edu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The publisher does not necessarily share the views/opinions stated in the “Letters to the Editor” published in The Lakes News Shopper.

Dear Editor:
 Convention of States (COS) has gained momentum and we need your help. Seventeen of the 34 states needed to call a Convention of States are giving a clear non-partisan message that something must change. Wisconsin and Nebraska are the most recent states to adopt the Convention of States resolution. They join 15 others who have given their support to the Article V process the framers of our US Constitution put in place for times like these.

Our Founders understood the human penchant for power and the tyranny that could result if wayward individuals or groups usurped an individual’s or the States’ rights. They had seen it happen throughout history and wanted our country’s citizens to have a remedy within our republic to legally rein in an out-of-control federal government. The increasing federal over-reach, federal overspending, and lack of federal term limits are signals we see that tell us we are moving in the wrong direction and need to get back on track.

Iowa could be the next state to pass the COS Resolution to call a Convention of States. Our House of Representatives has already passed it and the Iowa Senate is on its way to approval, passing out of a sub-committee last week and moving it to committee now. With committee approval, the Resolution can continue through the process for Senate approval. A well-placed call or email to your Senator can let them know your opinion on this important non-partisan piece of legislation is needed to make this happen.

Please feel free to learn more about the Convention of States by accessing the website at conventionofstates.com. This intentional and multi-step process engages grass-root supporters from all 50 states who passionately and peacefully encourage State legislators to maintain their rights to govern with a unified voice that is by the people and for the people. COS needs your help to move our country forward with the self-evident values of liberty remaining intact for us, our children, and grandchildren. If you want to sign a petition that gives you a voice in this movement or volunteer to spread the word, please join the Convention of States today to make a difference.

Sincerely:
Kim Wilson,
 Spencer, Iowa